

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Eau Claire County Board Room

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council Vice President/Acting President Werthmann called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Council Members Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Strobel, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann. Council Members absent: Emily Anderson and Michael Xiong.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, December 11, 2018:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the November 27, 2018 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing Visit Eau Claire to conduct New Year's Eve Light Up Eau Claire on Monday, December 31, 2018, with a parade on City Streets in downtown Eau Claire, Fireworks in Phoenix Park, and entertainment in the Barstow Street Parking Lot.
- Authorizing Special Olympics of Wisconsin to conduct the Polar Plunge on Sunday, February 24, 2019, on Half Moon Beach.
- Authorizing the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to conduct the Shamrock Shuffle on Saturday, March 16, 2019, along city streets, trails and sidewalks.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Patriotic Council to conduct the Memorial Day Parade and Program on Monday, May 27, 2019, at Owen Park and along city streets and sidewalks.
- Authorizing LE Phillips Senior Center to conduct the 20th Annual Water Street Mile and 5K on Saturday, July 13, 2019, along Water Street, and on city trails and sidewalks.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Class A Cabaret license to Eau Claire Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, LLC, d/b/a Visit Eau Claire, 128 Graham Avenue, Suite 151.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Eau Claire Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Mike Rindo, President, on December 31, 2018, at the Barstow Street parking lot, 219 South Barstow Street, for a Light Up Eau Claire event.
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Article Dealer licenses for the 2019 licensing year.
- Authorizing the Community Services Department to submit applications to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) for 2019 Green Infrastructure Training.
- Authorizing the Community Services Department, on behalf of the City Manager, to apply for and execute the 2019 85.20 Transportation Operating Assistance Grant and the 2019 85.205 Urban Mass Transit Assistance – Paratransit Supplemental Aid with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

- Authorizing the Community Services Department, on behalf of the City Manager, to apply for and execute the 2019 5307 Federal Mass Urban Transit Operating Assistance and the 5339 Capital Assistance Grants with the Federal Transit Administration.
- Accepting the conveyance of a permanent easement on lot 65, of the preliminary Highclere Estates II plat.
- Authorizing the sale of a remnant section of vacant land on Abbe Hill Drive (11-1490).
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2018-62, Furnish Various Chemicals for Water and Waste Water Treatment.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Anderson entered Council Chambers.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Council Member Xiong entered Council Chambers.

The City Council considered a resolution extending the current health insurance plan with Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire for one year. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Weld “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GRANTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Fire Department to accept Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant monies to purchase wildland firefighter equipment. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution accepting and appropriating a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) for the Downtown Riverwalk Trail. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution accepting and appropriating a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) for the Southwest Boat Launch on Ferry Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Strobel “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an appropriation of Library Fund Balance for one-time use to the Library Capital Improvement Budget for Space Reallocations and to the Library Operating Budget for the Fundraising Feasibility Study. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Weld, Werthmann and Xiong. Nay: Council Member Strobel.

STREET VACATIONS

The City Council considered a resolution vacating a portion of Schwenk Street from 50 feet west of Welsh Court to 20 feet from the top of the bank of the Chippewa River. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Weld and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution releasing the utility easements within Schwenk Street from 50 feet west of Welsh Court to 20 feet from the top of the bank of the Chippewa River. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution vacating a portion of Gibson Street from Graham Avenue to the Chippewa River. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to postpone” to the March 26, 2019 Council meeting, or sooner, to allow sufficient review time of the multiple easements by requestors and City. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGREEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the 2019 Federal Transit Administration section 5307 Supplemental Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the City of Chippewa Falls. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the use agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the Eau Claire YMCA (Swim Club) for use of Fairfax Pool. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Weld and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving an agency agreement with LeadsOnline, LLC. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LANDFILL EXPANSION

The City Council considered a resolution adopting a siting resolution for the proposed solid waste landfill expansion by Advanced Disposal Services Seven Mile Creek Landfill, LLC. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Committees and Commissions. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

FEES & LICENSES

The City Council considered a resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2019. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Strobel “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PAWNBROKERS

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 5.04 of the City Code of Ordinances entitled “Pawnbrokers.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning a portion of property located at 559 North Hastings Way from P to C-3 (File Z-1635-18). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Weld and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning a property located at 800 Wisconsin Street from I-1P and I-2P to I-2P and to amend the General Development Plan to allow for a change in land use for Building 17 to include multi-family residential (File Z-1636-18). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATION

The Council considered an ordinance in accordance with Section 66.0217 Wisconsin Statutes, annexing to the City of Eau Claire and particularly to the 15th Assessment Ward, 2nd Aldermanic District, being a part of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 1-26-9, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 18-5A (WIS DOT Petition). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PARKING

The Council considered an ordinance amending Table VIII entitled “Parking Prohibited” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Weld “that this meeting does now adjourn without objection.” Said motion passed by unanimous consent.

Adjournment: December 11, 2018

Time: 5:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrew F. Werthmann
Vice President/Acting President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk